IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
	: Examiner: S. A. Fraser
Takako YAMAGUCHI et al.)
	: Group Art Unit: 1795
Application No.: 10/529,908)
	: Confirmation No.: 5277
35 U.S.C. § 371(c))
Completion Date: December 16, 2005	:
)
For: METHOD OF DETECTING RELATIVE	; April 21, 2009
POSITION OF EXPOSURE MASK AND)
OBJECT TO BE EXPOSED, ALIGNMENT	:
METHOD, AND EXPOSURE METHOD USING	3)
THE SAME	:

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: